

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. I urge adoption of the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment?

Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

So the amendment (No. 1458) was agreed to.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BAUCUS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1459

(Purpose: To make an amendment relating to surface transportation projects in the State of Hawaii)

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], for Mr. INOUE, for himself and Mr. AKAKA, proposes an amendment numbered 1459.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following:

**SEC. 1. REVISION OF AUTHORITY OF MULTIYEAR CONTRACTS.**

Section 3035(w) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-240; 105 Stat. 2136) is amended by adding at the end the following: "Of the funds provided by this subsection, \$100,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for regionally significant ground transportation projects in the State of Hawaii."

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, this is an amendment relating to surface transportation projects in the State of Hawaii. We have examined this amendment and agree to its adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment?

Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

So the amendment (No. 1459) was agreed to.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BAUCUS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1460

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], for Mr. JOHNSTON, for himself and Mr. BREAUX, proposes an amendment numbered 1460.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Add new section as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, section 1105(e)(2) of Public Law 102-240 is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "A feasibility study may be conducted under this subsection to identify routes that will expedite future emergency evacuations of coastal areas of Louisiana."

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, this is a feasibility study which I think merits our consideration and approval. I urge its adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment?

Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

So the amendment (No. 1460) was agreed to.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BAUCUS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1461

(Purpose: To modify the authorization for a demonstration project in Minnesota)

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], for Mr. Grams, for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE, proposes an amendment numbered 1461.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following:

**SEC. 1. 34TH STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT IN MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA.**

Section 149(a)(5)(A) of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-17; 101 Stat. 181) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking "and" at the end; and

(2) by inserting "and (iii) a safety overpass," after "interchange,".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

So the amendment (No. 1461) was agreed to.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BAUCUS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent there be a period for morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REGULATORY REFORM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I have stated several times my intention to move as soon as possible to the regulatory reform bill. Regulatory reform is one of the most important issues this Congress will face, and the American people have made clear that they expect us to act. Regulatory reform does not have to be a partisan issue.

Democrats and Republicans alike have seen a need to inject common sense into how the Federal Government crafts regulations. Democrats and Republicans alike recognize that we cannot continue to bear \$500 billion of added costs to the economy. That is why I believe it is important that we pass a strong regulatory reform bill, with bipartisan support.

Senator HEFLIN, for example, has provided welcome leadership in helping to craft this bill. I have been working with Senator JOHNSTON for some time to produce a strong regulatory reform package, in order to ensure that Congress answers America's call for relief.

I am pleased to say that I think Senator JOHNSTON and I have reached an agreement on at least a discussion draft, a package that we believe will enjoy broad support. My intention would be to, as soon as the draft is completed, ask that the draft be printed in the RECORD today so that everybody might have an opportunity to see it. Earlier this year, we had a dispute because not all Members had seen a draft on an earlier piece of legislation. Hopefully, by Tuesday of next week, we can bring that bill to the floor and try to complete it by the end of next week. We can put that into the RECORD today.

Again, this is a draft. We reached an agreement on this. It does not mean it may be the perfect answer or there may not be change between now and next Tuesday. I have talked to some of my colleagues on the other side, such as the Senator from Massachusetts, Senator KERRY, and many are wanting an opportunity to see what the draft is. By printing it in the RECORD, it will be available tomorrow, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday and, hopefully, we can go to it on Tuesday.

I have suggested, and the Senator from Louisiana suggested, that we make that statement on the floor.

I yield to Senator JOHNSTON.

Mr. JOHNSTON. I thank the distinguished leader for his statement. He is correct that he and I have agreed upon a draft. It has been arrived at after extensive conversations, negotiations and